

“(B) includes the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and”; and

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (A)(ii), by striking “and” at the end;

(ii) in subparagraph (B)(vi)(III), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(iii) by adding at the end the following:

“(C) shall include an employee of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration appointed in accordance with paragraph (1) or (2) of section 20113(b) of title 51, without regard to any other provision of such section 20113(b).”; and

(2) in section 3523(b)(3)(B), by inserting “(or, during the 7-year period beginning on the date of enactment of the United States Innovation and Competition Act of 2021, with respect to an employee of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, including an employee described in section 3521(2)(C), not to exceed \$40,000)” after “\$25,000”.

(b) EARLY RETIREMENT.—Title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in section 8336(d), in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by inserting “(including, for the purposes of paragraph (2), an employee of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration appointed in accordance with paragraph (1) or (2) of section 20113(b) of title 51, without regard to any other provision of such section 20113(b))” after “An employee”; and

(2) in section 8414(b)(1), in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by inserting “(including, for the purposes of subparagraph (B), an employee of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration appointed in accordance with paragraph (1) or (2) of section 20113(b) of title 51, without regard to any other provision of such section 20113(b))” after “an employee”.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I have 8 requests for committees to meet during today's session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today's session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 27, 2021, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing on a nomination.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 27, 2021, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs is authorized to

meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 27, 2021, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 27, 2021, at 9:45 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 27, 2021, at 11 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 27, 2021, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 27, 2021, at 10:15 a.m., to conduct a hearing on a nomination.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 27, 2021, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. WICKER. Mr. President, it is my pleasure to ask unanimous consent that Flannery Egner, an intern with the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation minority staff, be granted floor privileges for the remainder of the 117th Congress.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Illinois.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 28, 2021

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it recess until 9 a.m., Friday, May 28; that following the prayer and pledge, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; and finally, that all recess count postcloture on the Schumer substitute amendment No. 1502.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECESS UNTIL 9 A.M. ON FRIDAY, MAY 28, 2021

Mr. DURBIN. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand in recess under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 2:51 a.m., recessed until Friday, May 28, 2021, at 9 a.m.

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate May 27, 2021:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

CHRISTINE ELIZABETH WORMUTH, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

BRIAN EDDIE NELSON, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY FOR TERRORISM AND FINANCIAL CRIMES, VICE SIGAL MANDELKER, RESIGNED.

ELIZABETH ROSENBERG, OF VERMONT, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR TERRORIST FINANCING, DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, VICE MARSHALL BILLINGSLEA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

ARUN VENKATARAMAN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE AND DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES AND FOREIGN COMMERCIAL SERVICE, VICE IAN PAUL STEFF.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

SARAH BIANCHI, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE DEPUTY UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE (ASIA, AFRICA, INVESTMENT, SERVICES, TEXTILES, AND INDUSTRIAL COMPETITIVENESS), WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR, VICE JEFFREY GERRISH.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

ELIZABETH MERRILL BROWN, OF MARYLAND, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, VICE CARLOS G. MUNIZ, RESIGNED.

NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

GWYNNE A. WILCOX, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD FOR THE TERM OF FIVE YEARS EXPIRING AUGUST 27, 2023, VICE MARK GASTON PEARCE, TERM EXPIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

MATTHEW G. OLSEN, OF MARYLAND, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, VICE JOHN C. DEMERS.

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S CORPS TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624, 7037, AND 7064:

To be brigadier general

COL. ALISON C. MARTIN
COL. DAVID E. MENDELSON
COL. GEORGE R. SMAWLEY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be brigadier general

COL. EUGENE D. COX
COL. CLINTON K. MURRAY
COL. DEYDRE S. TEYHEN